

**MINUTES**

**MONTANA SENATE  
58th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

**COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN DALE MAHLUM**, on March 27, 2003 at  
9:03 A.M., in Room 422 Capitol.

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Sen. Dale Mahlum, Chairman (R)  
Sen. Sherm Anderson (R)  
Sen. Vicki Cocchiarella (D)  
Sen. Ken (Kim) Hansen (D)  
Sen. Sam Kitzenberg (R)  
Sen. Glenn Roush (D)  
Sen. Don Ryan (D)  
Sen. Carolyn Squires (D)

**Members Excused:** Sen. Mike Sprague, Vice Chairman (R)  
Sen. Kelly Gebhardt (R)  
Sen. Bob Keenan (R)  
Sen. Fred Thomas (R)

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Sherrie Handel, Committee Secretary  
Eddy McClure, Legislative Branch

**Please Note.** These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion  
are paraphrased and condensed.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted:  
Executive Action: HB 525

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**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 296**

**Motion:** SEN. SHERM ANDERSON moved that HB 296 BE INDEFINITELY POSTPONED.

**Discussion:** SEN. ANDERSON shared his reason for proposing the motion. He said if we want to revert back to where we were some ten years ago with seeing the publication in the paper of the ten top attorneys that were deriving their livelihood from the work comp program, then this is definitely the way you get there.

SEN. GLENN ROUSH didn't disagree with SEN. ANDERSON'S comments; however, this bill limits substantially what an attorney could do compared to what was being done. His understanding was the bill limits what an attorney could do regarding reasonable costs. He still thought the bill had merit in that there are injured people out there who can't help themselves. While he realized there is a process for mediation and arbitration to address these concerns by workers, he still felt there was a need for this bill.

**Vote:** Motion tied 6-6 with COCCHIARELLA, HANSEN, KITZENBERG, ROUSH, RYAN AND SQUIRES VOTING NO.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 525**

**Motion:** SEN. ROUSH moved that HB 525 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED, **EXHIBIT**(bus65a01) (HB052501.aem) .

**Discussion:** Eddye McClure, Legislative Staffer, explained the amendments. SEN. SHERM ANDERSON explained that the 150 h.p. was added to it, because of the concerns of all of the dry cleaners and small operators, who would fall under that section. However, there are a few commercial operations within the state that do have in excess of 150 h.p with 150 p.s.i. That was the need for the amendment. Commercial operators with the larger horsepower would still be required to have a Class 2 license.

**Vote:** Motion carried 11-0. SEN. ANDERSON WILL CARRY THE BILL.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 9:25 A.M.

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SEN. DALE MAHLUM, Chairman

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SHERRIE HANDEL, Secretary

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**EXHIBIT (bus65aad)**